

Remarks

The dependent claims have been amended solely as to form in response to the Claim Objections in the Official Action.

Claims 62-65, 69-74, 80-93, 97-102, and 108-110 were rejected as anticipated by CAMPANA, Jr. 5,710,798 and claims 66-68 and 94-96 were rejected as unpatentable over CAMPANA, Jr. in view of UMEDA 5,920,817. Claims 62 and 91 have been amended (support being found in paragraph 0042 of the application as filed) and claims 80-90 and 108-110 have been canceled. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 62-74 and 91-102 are respectfully requested.

The amended claims provide, among other features, that when the transmission resource is not sufficient to distribute the moving picture image data, the image data reception device receives only one of the plurality of sets of identical moving picture image data, and the image data distribution device performs priority control by discarding the other sets of identical moving picture image data. This process suppresses the overflow on the transmission resource due to excessive traffic.

Neither CAMPANA, Jr. nor UMEDA disclose that the other sets of data are discarded as claimed in the amended claims and thus the amended claims avoid the rejections under §102 and §103.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future submissions, to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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